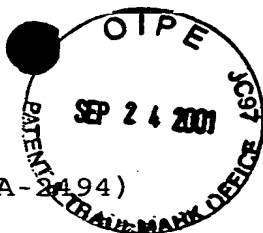


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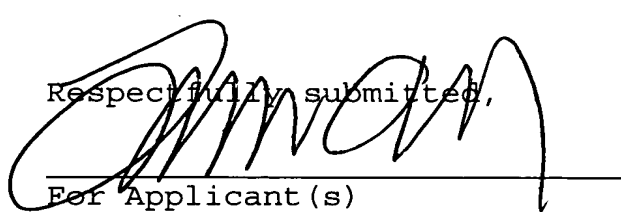
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S i r :

Please approve the drawing changes in response to page 3 item 4 of the office action dated April 24, 2001. The drawing changes are marked in red on the accompanying informal drawings. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of Figs. 1 to 6 are solicited.

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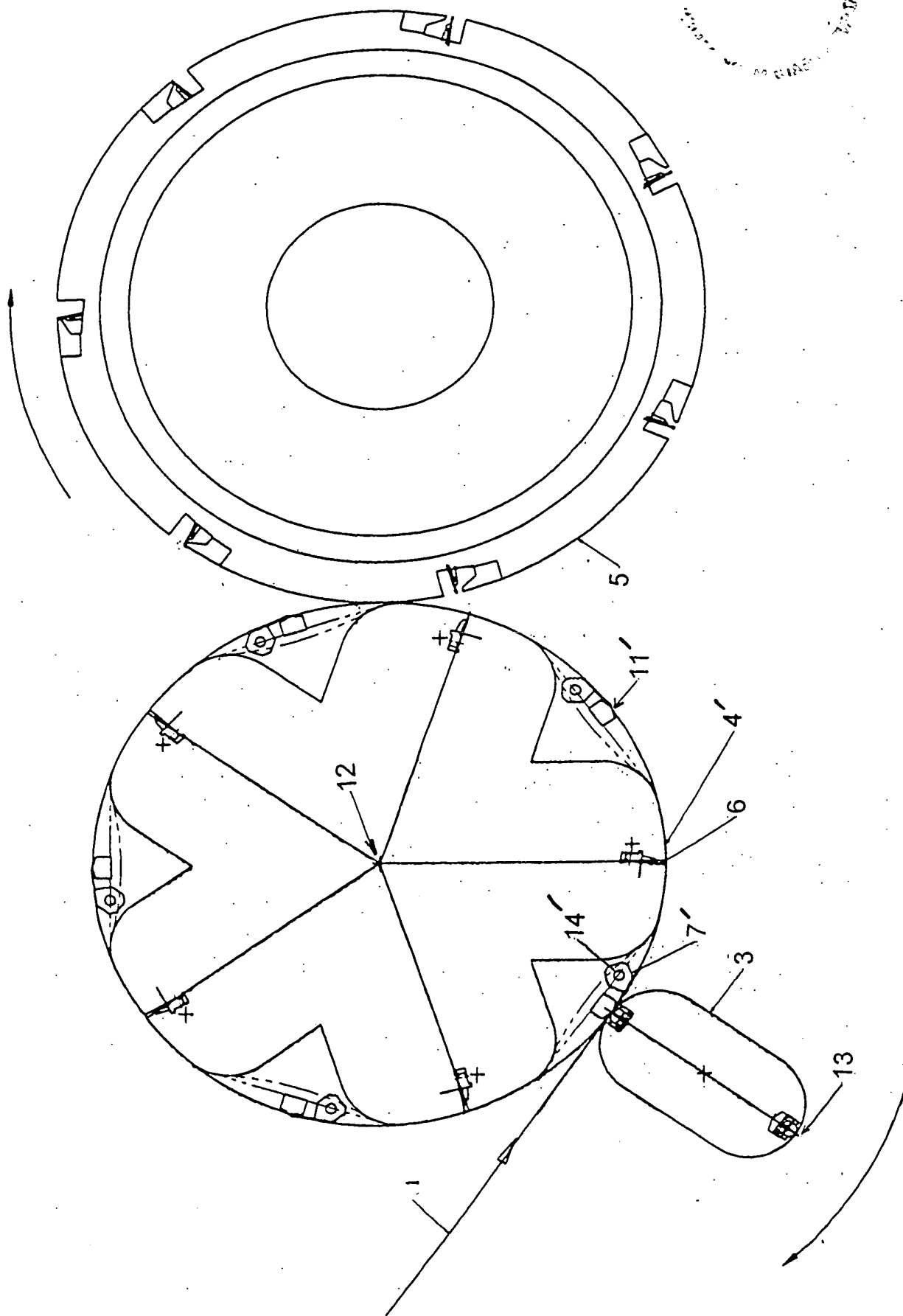


Fig. 5

